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ENCROACHMENTS IN CONNIVANCE WITH OFFICIALS IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale encroachments taking place along road side in Delhi in connivance with officials thereby causing inconvenience to the smooth flow of traffic particularly in Tilak Nagar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken against such erring officials along with steps taken to remove such encroachments;

(d) whether it is also a fact that illegal cycle-rickshaws plying on roads in Delhi are causing hurdles in the smooth flow of traffic;

(e) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to impose ban on plying of such cycle-rickshaws; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(c): The Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the Police Authorities have informed that while it is true that encroachment takes place alongside the road causing inconvenience to the traffic and pedestrians, no connivance on the part of MCD or Delhi Police Traffic officials has come to notice. The Enforcement Department of MCD has been taking actions regularly for removal of encroachments. During the last one year about 20 such actions were carried out in and around Tilak Nagar by MCD. Delhi Traffic Police have intimated that they have registered about 200 cases against encroachers in Tilak Nagar area alone during the last three years.

(d)to(f): The MCD has reported that while it is true that large number of illegal cycle rickshaw are plying on the roads in Delhi including the West Zone of MCD which are causing hurdles in the smooth flow of traffic, action is taken by MCD by impounding such unlicensed cycle rickshaws on a regular basis. About 720 unlicensed cycle rickshaws have been impounded in West Zone during the month of June, 2004.

The MCD has fixed a ceiling of 99,000 licences to be granted for cycle-rickshaws in the jurisdiction of MCD and fixed Zone-wise quota of licences to be granted and different colour scheme for each of the municipal zone. A total of 73,072 licences have already been granted and for the remaining 25,928 licences, public notice has been published inviting applications at the zonal level.

Plying of unlicensed cycle-rickshaws are not allowed and raids are regularly conducted for impounding illegal cycle-rickshaws. During the last three years more than 58,000 unlicensed cycle rickshaws were impounded by MCD.